(c) The company was given time upto 10th May, 1990 to furnish details|furnish reply to the notices. Further action would follow after receipt of their replies and the details which have been called for.

Communications to drug companies

709. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 648 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry sent communications to drug companies involved in Supreme Court case after the judgement was delivered;

(b) if so, the names of the companies, the details of the communications sent and the date on which each communicatinon was sent;

(c) what are the details of replies received;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Special Team assessed dues on bulk drug differences in certain cases and in others on formulations;

(e) if so, what are the names of drugs and formulations in each case and what is the amount on each drug and formulation;

(f) what are the reasons for different steps taken;

(g) who was the convenor of Special Team and what is his designation;

(h) whether it is a fact that his Ministry received complaints against him; and

(i) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(d) to (f). The Special Team assessed dues on bulk drugs only in cases of certain companies where both bulk drugs and formulations were involved. In those cases where only formulations were involved the dues were assessed in respect of the formulations only. In view of the large number of complaints that have been received, findings of the Special Team and the developments thereafter are being looked into afresh.

(g) The Convenor of the Special Team was Shri R. N. Tandon and his designation is Joint Director (Chemicals).

(h) and (i) The matter is being looked into.

Findings of the special team on drugs

710. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 648 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry accepted the findings of Special Team in toto;

(b) when was the Special Team appointed and when was the complete findings submitted to his Ministry.

(c) whether it is a fact that the Special Team is still in existence;

(d) if so, by when the complete assessment of all companies would be finalised; and

(e) what are the details of the findings of the Special Team ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a), (b) and (e) A

Special Team which was constituted by the Ministry on 14th September 1987, determined the amounts recoverable from the companies involved in the Supreme Court case. The Team submitted its findings in batches. The findings of the tentative amounts assessed by the Team upto 31st December, 1983 in respect of 6 companies were communicated to the companies concerned. The amounts assessed in respect of these companies are given below :—

Sl.No.	Names of the Company.	Amounts tentatively assessed by the Special Team upto 31-12-83 (Rs./lakhs).
1.	Hoechst (I) Limited.	458.10
2.	Cyanamid (I) Limited.	389.06
3.	John Wyeth (I) Limited and Geoffery Manners	133.46 28.37
4.	Pfizer Limited.	48.21
5.	Franco Indian Ph. Ltd.	8.15
6.	Ethnor (I) Limited.	11.02

(c) The Special Team ceased to operate after submitting its reports.

(d) Process of finalising the amounts against the companies involved in the Supreme Court case is already in progress.

Recovery of overcharged amount on Betamethasone

711. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 666 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state :

(a) when the Delhi High Court directed to recover the overcharged amount on Betamethasone and since when the amounts due in respect of Betamethasone and its salts are being worked out; and

(b) by when the total amount due would be worked out?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b) The Delhi High Court delivered its judgement on the issue price of Betamethasone and its formulations on 31st August, 1987. Based on the preliminary calculations (which were to be finalised after further scrutiny) a sum of Rs. 37 crores as tentatively recoverable from M/s. Glindia Limited (now M/s. Glaxo) was communicated to them on 22nd September, 1989. The process of finalising the amounts is in progress.

Visits of special team to drug companies

712. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of Special Team visited a number of drug companies involved in Supreme Court and Delhi High Court cases;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies and what were the dates of visit and termination of each visit to each company; and

(c) what were the details collected from each company ?